

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING
Tuesday, March 19, 2019
William Pullen Building Meeting Room
6:30 p.m.

Selectmen Present: Greg Grotton, Jim Justice, John Shepard, and Sarah Drickey

Others Present: Jay Feyler, Erik Amundsen, Martha Johnston-Nash, John Gibbons, Joel G. Wentworth, Sr., Karen Poulin, Holly Lombardi, Bill Lombardi, and Ann Johnson

1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to order: 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment:

Erik Amundsen passed out a form to the Board with the names of the citizens who are interested in serving on the FTC.

Discussion: Greg stated that the Board appreciates the handout, although he feels that unless the residents decide to take back the building and devise a plan, there is no sense in following through with a committee. He also emphasized the importance of following the proper procedures if anyone has a topic that justifies getting on the next meeting agenda. Sarah stated that the town website clearly defines anything that needs to be addressed to the Board should be brought to the Town Manager two weeks before the next meeting.

4. Approve minutes of Tuesday, March 5, 2019:

Motion by: Jim Justice

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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5. Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, March 19, 2019:

Motion by: John Shepard

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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6. Discussion and adoption of Uncollected Property Tax Policy:

Jay stated there is a policy in place so that the Tax Collector can waive interest on unpaid property taxes less than \$5.00. This allows the town to write off small amounts of tax that would otherwise cost more to collect. They are unable to find the original copy, so it will need to be made legal once again.

Motion by: Jim Justice to adopt the policy

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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7. Approve Farmers Market using the Common in 2019:

The Farmers Market has asked for permission to use the Common again this year. Jay stated there have been no major changes, and he will remind them once again about vehicles parking on the Common.

Motion by: John Shepard

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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8. DOT Project:

Jay met with DOT on the sidewalk project and discussed a few options. The town can oversee the project to save money, although with the time involved, it does not appear to be financially viable in the long run. It is also worth mentioning there is a multitude of federal regulations to take into consideration that the Town is not privy to on a regular basis.

Discussion: John asked if using the state engineer would alter the design of the project. Jay stated that the basic design, for the most part, will stay the same; what remains questionable is which type of retaining wall will be constructed near the park. He proceeded to say that the DOT will hold public hearings on the project, and that the property owners will be notified. The town will receive a progress report as the project unfolds and while it is under construction.

Motion by: Sarah Drickey to have the state proceed with the project.

2nd by: John Shepard

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9. Discussion of Canine Control Ordinance amendment:

Jay stated that it was recommended by the Town Attorney to remove the “provocation” clause on the Canine Control ordinance.

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Motion by: Jim Justice to add to the warrant.

2nd by: John Shepard

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10. Town Manager's Report:

Jay stated that the Selectmen have been given a draft warrant which still needs to be finalized. The first Budget Committee meeting is April 3, 2019.

As a reminder, April 2, 2019 is the Pullen Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. Regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The Land Use Ordinance needs some modifications; this will be done all at once, on a later date.

LPC is very busy in Augusta with revenue sharing; Jay will not be able to attend the hearing as he will be at a breakfast meeting with Chellie Pingree on Broadband hosted by LCI. He gave his written testimony pertaining to revenue sharing to Kate from MMA.

Jay attended an informational meeting on elderly housing. One of the topics was finding funds for the elderly to help them with small house projects. Another topic was related to the elderly being able to find smaller living quarters such as apartments in their community. He will continue to look at the progression of these discussions.

Jay stated that he will attend a civility presentation in August.

11. Other Business:

Jay put out a request for bids for the property on Bump Hill; the house, not the barn.

Chris Packard: \$7,800.00

Central Maine Disposal: \$20,550.00

Ford Enterprises: \$19,800.00

DM&J Waste: \$14,450.00

Pease Excavation: \$12,250.00

Dirt Diggers: \$8,875.00

Bangor Lawn & Landscape: \$12,009.00

L.G. Whitcomb Landscaping: \$18,900.00

Wayne E Johnson Trucking & Excavation Inc: \$8,000.00

JB: \$18,000.00

Gardner Construction Enterprises: \$12,400.00

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12. Selectmen's Report:

Greg stated he would like to help the elderly with small home projects. Sarah asked about liability for doing work on someone's house. Jay stated there would need to be a signed contract or statement.

13. Future Agenda Items: None

14. Adjourn:

Motion by: Lyle Cramer

2nd by: Jim Justice

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Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick
Secretary